GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
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MISSING OF RARE COINS FROM GOA MUSEUM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some ancient coins deposited in the Goa museum are now missing;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken against the guilty officials; and

(d) the steps taken by the ASI to prevent such thefts?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) & (b) A Portuguese silver coin of the mid-19th century period was reported missing from the Archaeological Survey of India`s museum at Goa on 16th April 1989.

(c) The local police who investigated the matter were unable to pinpoint the involvement of specific person/persons.

(d) Adequate measures such as display in reinforced glass show cases, deployment of private security and entry of visitors through metal detector door frames have been adopted.